

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL

Minutes of the June 26, 2020 meeting

10 am CDT/9 am MDT

Online Meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic

1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Council member James Walker, standing in for the Council chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Council members present were Walker, Keith BraveHeart, Nan Venhuizen, Dohui Kim, Jane Rasmussen, Brian Bonde, John Mogen, Lee Ann Roripaugh. Absent were Mary V. Bordeaux, Laura Diddle, and Lynne Byrne. Also present were SDAC Executive Director Patrick Baker, Deputy Director Rebecca Cruse, Grants Specialist Kate Vandel, and Arts Program Coordinator Sarah Carlson.

2. Public Comment – No public comments were submitted or offered for the meeting.

3. Secretary's Report – Secretary BraveHeart presented the minutes of the May 6, 2020 meeting.

Action: *BraveHeart moved and Venhuizen seconded the motion to approve the Secretary's Report. The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.*

4. Treasurer's Report – Kim presented budget information included in meeting documentation. Baker explained that a grant extension was given to all FY20 grantees due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also outlined the final budget for special Emergency Assistance Grants and Residencies for Recovery grants to respond to loss of work/income for artists and organizations.

5. Business of the Day –

a. Establish a Nominating Committee – Walker called for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Rasmussen, Venhuizen, and Bonde volunteered. Walker appointed Rasmussen to chair the committee and deliver a slate of nominees for Council leadership at the Nov. 18, 2020 meeting.

b. Revise artist background check policy – Cruse explained that the current policy for a federal background check on teaching artists is in need of adjustment due to the long wait time and priority of federal background check results. She proposed changing the policy to require a state background check in the artist's state of residence in order to obtain results in a timely manner.

Action: BraveHeart moved to approve the policy change. Bonde seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

c. FY21 revised budget; FY20 Emergency Assistance Grants budget and awarding of CARES funds – Baker explained changes to the FY21 grants budget and operating budget which were made due to the COVID19 pandemic. Additional funding from Federal and Regional organizations became available as emergency support. Some grant programs that had to be reduced earlier in the year have now been increased closer to the original budget.

Action: Mogen made a motion to approve the FY21 budget revisions. Rasmussen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

Baker also explained that CARES Act funds were awarded as Emergency Assistance Grants and Residencies for Recovery grants and the agency's process for awarding those funds to South Dakota organizations in three phases. Phase 1 and Phase 2 grants are included in budget and meeting documents. Phase 3 funding is underway with applications closing July 6. The grant awards were divided into phases based on the agency's annual spending authority.

Action: Venhuizen moved to approve the revised budget for FY20 to include CARES Act funding for Emergency Assistance Grants and Residencies for Recovery Grants. BraveHeart seconded the motion. Discussion was held about the process. The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

Action: Rasmussen moved to de-obligate funding that had been allocated for grants projects that were cancelled by the grantee due to the pandemic. Bonde seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

6. Reports –

a. ***Emergency Assistance Grants (CARES funds)*** – Vandel presented information on CARES Act funding the SDAC received from the National Endowment for the Arts and the process the agency used to get the funding out to organizations as quickly and efficiently as possible.

b. ***Changes to grant application*** process – Vandel discussed changes to the SDAC grant application process that were implemented prior to the March 1, 2020 deadline and asked Council for feedback on those changes.

c. ***Arts education*** – Cruse presented the selected student artwork for the Congressional Art Competition and a list of residency grants awarded for the Artists in Schools & Community program for FY21. Carlson reported on the new Roster Artist Education Video Series, which was designed in response to the pandemic to provide opportunities

for artists to make instructional videos for the SDAC's Youtube channel and receive payment for the videos.

d. ***Strategic planning*** – Cruse presented a new framework for the strategic planning process, which had to be re-envisioned due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

e. ***Arts Midwest updates*** – Baker, Rasmussen, and Bonde presented information about the regional arts organization, which is included in the meeting documentation.

f. ***NASAA, NEA updates*** – documentation provided in meeting material.

g. ***Arts South Dakota report*** – documentation provided in meeting material.

7. **Calendar** – Baker shared the SDAC calendar, included in packet materials, noting a correction to a typo on the year.

8. **Adjournment** –

Action: Venhuizen made a motion to adjourn, which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Cruse, recording secretary